

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Farm Loop

Farm Loop is an unincorporated CDP located about 42 miles northeast of Anchorage, just north of Palmer. Farm Loop is part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 1,350, a gain of about 283 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 59 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 18 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Construction Laborers than any other occupation.

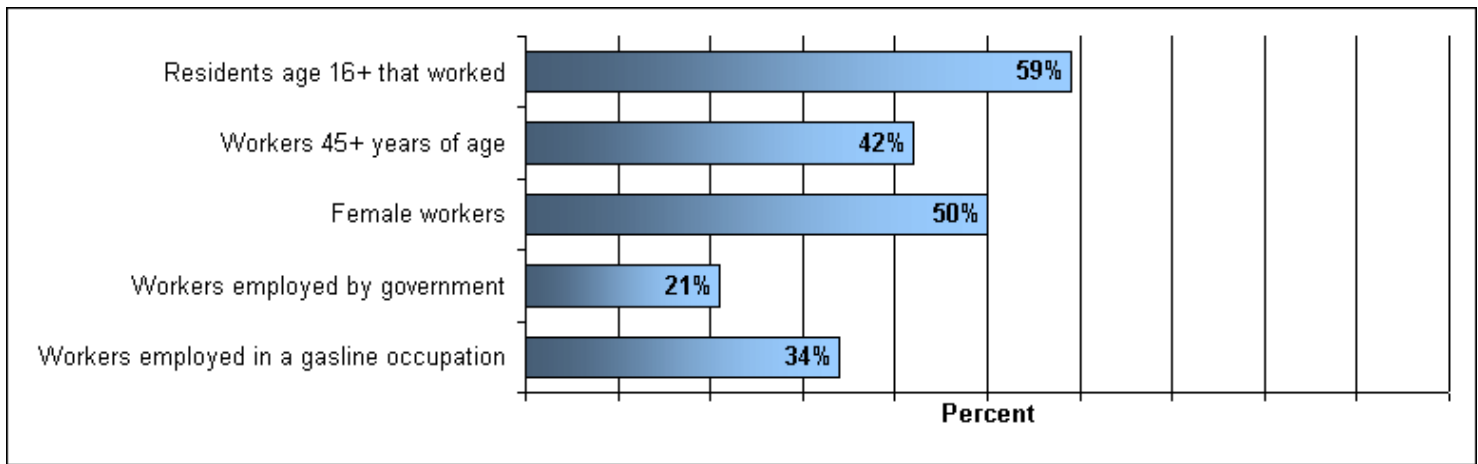
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Farm Loop Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	994	Total wages	\$21,397,524
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	586	Private	465
Male	292	State government	51
Female	294	Local government	70
Age 45+	247	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	177	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	527
		Percent working all 4 quarters	66.9%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	61	Some construction	138
		At least 1 year construction	71
		At least 2 years construction	51
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	389
New hires	204		

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2008 Residents

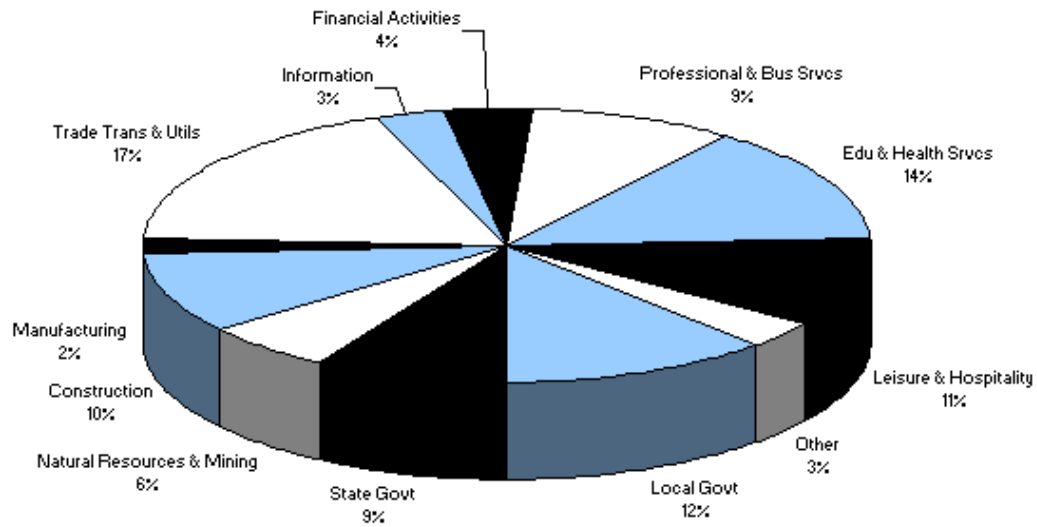


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	21	14.3%	6	4
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	19	63.2%	12	9
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	16	62.5%	0	0
Retail Salespersons	16	75.0%	7	7
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	16	87.5%	11	7
Cashiers	11	100.0%	1	0
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	10	0.0%	7	7
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	9	0.0%	4	3
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	9	44.4%	4	4
Counter and Rental Clerks	9	88.9%	1	1
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	9	100.0%	5	3
Office Clerks, General AGIA	8	62.5%	4	2
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	8	87.5%	2	2
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	7	85.7%	1	0
Bus Drivers, School	7	28.6%	7	6
Waiters and Waitresses	7	85.7%	2	1
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	7	28.6%	1	0
Dishwashers AGIA	6	33.3%	0	0
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	6	100.0%	1	1
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	6	100.0%	5	1
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	6	100.0%	3	3
Financial Specialists, All Other	6	83.3%	4	3
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	6	66.7%	0	0
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	6	0.0%	4	4
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	6	33.3%	2	2

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	34	2.9%	10	7
Construction	57	12.3%	24	19
Manufacturing	9	0.0%	2	2
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	108	49.1%	48	37
Information	17	35.3%	8	4
Financial Activities	24	66.7%	9	6
Professional and Business Services	54	44.4%	17	12
Educational and Health Services	80	75.0%	37	29
Leisure and Hospitality	62	69.4%	8	5
State Government	51	52.9%	35	24
Local Government	70	62.9%	43	29
Other	20	65.0%	6	3
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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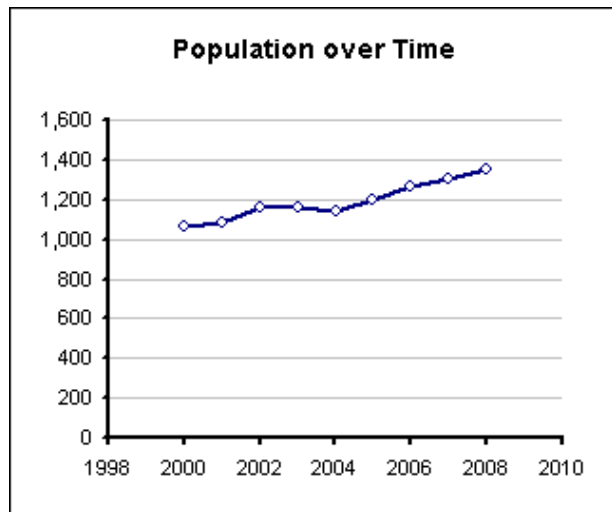
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	0	0	0	0

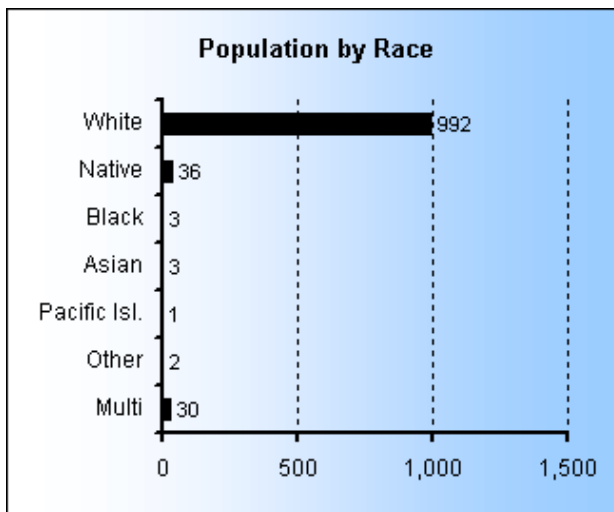
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Mat Su Borough Schools
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Palmer-Wasilla Health System LLC
Veco Alaska Inc
University of AK
Valley Hotel Inc
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Safeway Inc
Three Bears Alaska Inc
Municipality of Anch Payroll
Nana Management Services LLC



2000 Census	
Median Age	33.7
Average Family Size	3.6
Average Household Size	3.2
Per Capita Income	\$20,880
Median Family Income	\$56,953
Median Household Income	\$55,234



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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